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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Derrick Robison, 31, Beloit, pleaded guilty on Friday, May 11, 2007, in U.S. District Court in Madison to distribution of crack cocaine.

On January 10, 2007, Robison and his co-defendant, Michael Hughes, sold approximately eight grams of crack cocaine to a police informant in Beloit, Wisconsin. Robison and Hughes were both indicted by a federal grand jury on March 8, 2007. Hughes pleaded guilty on May 4, 2007, and will be sentenced along with Robison on July 25, 2007.

Robison faces at least five years in prison along with maximum penalties of forty years in prison, a \$2,000,000 fine, and at least a four-year term of supervised release.

The charges against Robison were the result of an investigation conducted by the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force comprised of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Rock County Sheriff's Department; the Beloit Police Department; the Janesville Police Department; and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. To date, a total of 33 defendants have been

convicted of federal drug and gun charges resulting from Task Force investigations.

The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W.

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